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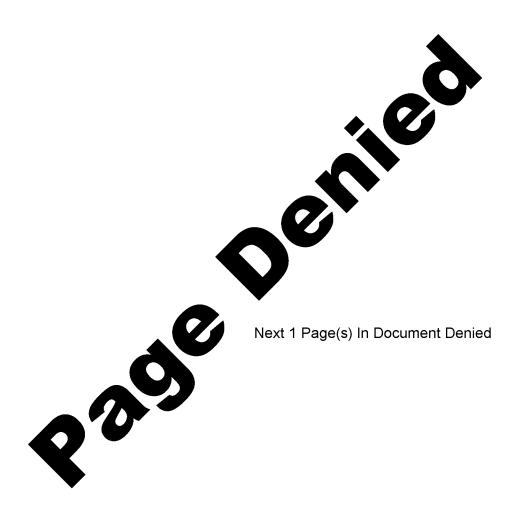
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NRO Reorganization

- l. I called Pete Aldridge this morning, who returned my call this afternoon. The purpose was to underscore the memorandum which I sent him this morning. He had just received it. I told him that I had three observations. First, that I fully supported the planning group being called together. Second, that I thought that his basic plan made sense in principal, but that he needed to undergird it with a proper study of costs, risks, etc. And third that he ought not to put something in place that would undercut the contrary judgment of the new Administration.
- 2. He said he was a little disappointed in the response because he felt there was no other alternative, but he agreed that the study group needed to function and that he would not proceed to do anything that was irreversible either through cost or otherwise and there would be opportunities to stop the process well up into April, 1989, if new management or new policy dictated. I again expressed the importance of having data to support the judgment for which he believed there was no alternative. He agreed.

William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence

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